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INTO THE PLANT GENOME

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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 21, 2007. A shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire 3 months from the mailing date of the Office Action, i.e. on December 21, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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